

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 97, "Supplementary Weighting," Iowa Administrative Code.

2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1181, division II, created a new chapter in the Iowa Code, chapter 261E, "Senior Year Plus Program." The Senior Year Plus Program established in legislation provides Iowa high school students increased access to advanced placement coursework and postsecondary credit. The first seven items address funding for and various elements of the program.

Items 8 through 10 amend provisions regarding the supplementary weighting plan for operational function sharing. In Item 8, the reference to Iowa Code chapter 28E is stricken because that is not the correct authority for such agreements. In Item 9, the percentages are reworded because the present wording only works when the district does not add more sharing arrangements. Taking 20 percent of each year is the equivalent of the present wording. Additionally, new paragraph 97.7(9)"b" clarifies the order of the adjustments and phaseouts. Item 10 is amended to give more flexibility to districts that cannot show savings because they are cutting costs across all functions, including cutting instructional staff.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the March 11, 2009, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7611B**. A public hearing was held March 31, 2009, and public comments were allowed until close of business on March 31, 2009. No written or oral comments were received regarding these amendments.

These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 257.11(9) and Iowa Code chapter 261E.

These amendments will become effective November 11, 2009.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [97.1, 97.2, 97.4, 97.5(6)"a," 97.7] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 7611B**, IAB 3/11/09.

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